

Near Sta. Monica - Reported in Bolivia
only from Colorado desert - and "rare"
which you will find in good condition,
and which I thought you might
like to have and which I trust may
in a small measure compensate
for some of the "puzzles."

This ends my package, but not as
you will regret, - my letter.

I wish thus early to bespeak the Synopsis
Flora - If not yet ready, but the price
fixed. Kindly send me bill of same
and I will remit amount, and by
time you receive that, perhaps the books
will be ready. I think you promised
or your publishers did to have it
out by June. With best regards
I remain Most respectfully Yours
Wm. S. Lyon.

No 32. Wilmington Street
Los Angeles Cal
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To Dr. Asa Gray. *Went's Flora* II
is to send \$1 -
My dear Sir,

Herewith I send you *Pentachaeta* "Lyonii"
(per request) in ripe? fruit also mature?
athens same for cultivation - Athens are
early caducous hence I qualify with a "?"
While writing I would tender my thanks
for the graceful tho' undeserved compliments
you offer me - and while regretting that
my little "find" has not enough specific
merit to warrant a characteristic name.
Can meantime only hope the time
may ultimately come when I can feel
I have earned the tribute.
Now, instead of ~~helping~~ coals of fire
on your head, I am returning ~~evil~~
for good and sending you that
at which your botanical soul ought
to revolt; i.e. botanical puzzles.

I call all such, which from incompleteness or bad condition make any special sacrifice ^{of time} necessary - and which if determined; from such conditions offer no substantial reward to discoverer, investigator or botanical sciences.

No 1 and 1^a are in good condition excepting only my inroads upon them - They were both collected in sandy washes at different times and under different circumstances, and my examinations have not gone far enough to even say they are the same thing - but far enough to think - that at least 1^a approaches *Verbena*, - but far from our only *V. encelioides*. Should they prove to be the same thing and you can do anything with them I should esteem it a favor to return me one, as, I may not be able to revisit the same grounds for a long time and should like to have specimen at hand for corroboration - This I need hardly state - is the only one I shall expect.

and further, is a request that, I do not expect to make a habit of preferring - for I feel that if a specimen is sent you that possesses any merit or value, it certainly is no more than a just equivalent for the time expended to require its absorption into the Cambridge herbarium.

No 2. Is *Gilia*? from desert of S. E. San Diego Co. - collected by a too zealous friend who only aim was to get everything for me with a total disregard to condition - Enough material you may find to satisfy me it is not *G. incisa* to which I have had to refer it.

No 3 - *Scabiosa atropurpurea*? Collected near Temescal. San Diego Co - far from gardens. Have also collected myself in many wild places - and if that I think in future notes to botany might fairly earn the distinction of "naturalized". Last - but not least, I send you *Biscutella Californica*? collected by myself on sea coast (sand dunes).